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## THE MONEY CRISIS

Fall Text of President Cleveland's Special Message.

### A BIG BOND ISSUE FAVERED

The President Urges the Necessity for Non-Partisan Action.

### DANGER TO THE NATION'S CREDIT

The Present Plan of Issuing Bonds Not Well Calculated to Meet Our Present Needs—The Delay of Congress in Enacting Satisfactory Financial Legislation Dangerous to the Nation's Progress. Burdened with a Load of Interest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The full text of the message sent to congress by the president on the financial situation is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my last annual message I commanded to the serious consideration of the congress the condition of our national finances, and the condition of our national finances, and in connection with the subject indorsed the plan of currency legislation which at that time seemed to furnish protection against impending danger. This plan has not been approved by the congress. In the meantime the situation has so changed and the emergency now appears so threatening that I deem it my duty to ask at the hands of the legislative branch of the government such prompt and effective action as will restore confidence in our financial soundness and avert business disaster and universal distress among our people.

Whatever may be the merits of the plan outlined in my annual message as a remedy for then existing and as a safeguard against the depletion of the gold reserve then in the treasury, I am now convinced that its reception by the congress and our present advanced stage of financial perplexity necessitated additional or different legislation.

With natural resources unlimited in variety and productive strength, and with a people whose activity and enterprise seek only a fair opportunity to achieve national success and greatness our progress should not be checked by a false financial policy and should disregard of sound monetary laws, nor should the stability and fear which they engender stand in the way of our prosperity.

Necessity for Non-Partisan Action.

It is hardly disputed that this predicament confronts us today. Therefore, in one in any degree responsible for the making and execution of our laws should fail to see a patriotic duty in honestly and sincerely attempting to relieve the situation. Manifestly, this effort will not succeed unless it is made untrammeled by the prejudices of partisanship and with a steadfast determination to resist the temptation to accomplish party advantage. We may well remember that if we are threatened with financial difficulties all our people in every section of the are concerned, and surely those who suffer will not receive the promotion of party interests as an excuse for permitting our present troubles to advance to a disastrous conclusion. It is also of the utmost importance that we approach the study of the problems presented as free as possible from the tyranny of preconceived opinions, to the end that in a common danger we may be able to seek with undivided vision a safe and reasonable protection.

The real trouble which confronts us consists in a lack of confidence widespread and constantly increasing in the continuing ability or disposition of the government to pay its obligations in gold. This lack of confidence grows to some extent out of the palpable and apparent embarrassment attending the effort of the government under existing laws to procure gold, and to a greater extent out of the impossibility of either keeping it in the treasury or canceling obligations by its expenditure after it is obtained.

The only way left open to the government for securing gold is by the issue and sale of its bonds. The only bonds that can be so issued were authorized nearly twenty-five years ago, and are not well calculated to meet our present needs. Among other disadvantages they are made payable in coin instead of specifically in gold, which, in existing conditions, detracts largely in an increasing ratio from their desirability as investments. It is by no means certain that bonds of this description can much longer be disposed of at a price creditable to the financial character of our government. The most dangerous and irritating feature of the situation, however, remains to be mentioned. It is found in the means by which the treasury is despoiled of the gold thus obtained without cancelling a single government obligation and solely for the benefit of those who find profit in shipping it abroad or whose fears induce them to hoard it at home.

New Bond Issue Recommended.

In my opinion the secretary of the treasury should be authorized to issue bonds of the government for the purpose of procuring and maintaining a sufficient gold reserve and the redemption and cancellation of the United States legal tender notes and the treasury notes issued to the purchase of silver under the law of July 14, 1890. We should be relieved from the humiliating process of issuing bonds to procure gold to be immediately and repeatedly drawn out on these obligations for purposes not related to the benefit of our government or our people. The principal and the interest of bonds should be payable on their face in gold, because they should be sold only for gold or its representative, and because there would now probably be difficulty in favorably disposing of bonds not containing this stipulation. I suggest that the bonds be issued in denominations of \$10 and \$50 and their multiples, and that they bear interest at a rate not exceeding 3 per cent. per annum. I do not see why they should not be payable fifty years from their date. We of the present generation have large amounts to pay if we meet our obligations, and long bonds are most suitable. The secretary of the treasury might well be permitted, at his discretion, to receive on the sale of bonds the legal tender and treasury notes to be retired, and, of course, when they are thus retired or redeemed in gold they should be cancelled.

first issue there were realized something more than \$50,000,000 in gold. Between that issue and the succeeding one in November, comprising a period of about ten months, \$18,000,000 in gold were drawn from the treasury. This made the second issue necessary, and upon that more than \$50,000,000 in gold were again realized. Between the date of this second issue and the present time, covering a period of only about two months, more than \$60,000,000 in gold have been drawn from the treasury. These large sums of gold were expended without any cancellation of government obligations or in any permanent way benefiting our people or improving our pecuniary situation.

The financial events of the past year suggests facts and conditions which should certainly arrest attention.

More than \$172,000,000 in gold have been drawn out of the treasury during the year for the purpose of shipment abroad or hoarding at home.

White nearly \$102,000,000 of this amount were drawn out during the first ten months of the year, a sum aggregating more than two thirds of that amount, being about \$60,000,000, was drawn out during the following two months, thus indicating a marked acceleration of the depleting process with the lapse of time.

Burdened with a Load of Interest.

They next set in, with any currency scheme providing for the increase of the circulating medium through the agency of national or state banks, since they can easily be adjusted to such a scheme. O'Dwyer has been made to the issuance of interest bearing obligations for the purpose of retiring the non-interest bearing legal tender notes. In point of fact, however, these notes have burdened us with a large load of interest, and it is still accumulating.

The obligations upon which this gold have been drawn from the treasury are still outstanding, and are available for use in repeating the exhausting operation with shorter intervals as our perplexities accumulate.

Conditions are certainly supervening tending to make the bonds which may be issued to replenish our gold less useful for that purpose.

An adequate gold reserve is in all circumstances absolutely essential to the upholding of our public credit and to the maintenance of our high national character.

Our gold reserve has again reached such a stage of diminution as to require its speedy reinforcement.

Danger to the National Credit.

The aggravations that must inevitably follow present conditions and methods will certainly lead to misfortune and loss, not only to our national credit and prosperity and to financial enterprise, but to those of our people who seek employment as a means of livelihood and to those whose only capital is their daily labor.

In conclusion, I desire to frankly confess my reluctance to issue more bonds in present circumstances and with no better results than have lately followed that course. I cannot, however, refrain from adding to an assurance of my anxiety to co-operate with the present congress in any reasonable measure of relief, an expression of my determination to leave nothing undone which furnishes a hope for improving the situation or clearing a suspicion of our disinclination or inability to meet with the strictest honor every national obligation.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Executive Mansion, Jan. 28, 1895.

Immediately after the message was read in the house Mr. Springer offered a bill designed to carry the recommendations into effect. The bill was referred to the banking and currency committee. In the senate the message was sent to the finance committee.

There is some doubt whether the house committee on banking and currency will agree to report the bond bill to the house at once.

The Democrats of the committee are divided in their views on all financial legislation, and some of them are in reality opposed to bond issues. One member who favors the president's plan says that he does not believe more than four or five Democrats on the committee will vote for it. The balance of power, accordingly, rests with the Republicans in the committee as it does in the house. Chairman Springer believes that Republicans will vote to report the bill, and will aid the Democrats in the house to pass it.

These bonds, under existing laws, could be deposited by national banks as security for circulation, and such banks should be allowed to issue circulation up to the face value of these or any other bonds so deposited except bonds outstanding bearing only 2 per cent. interest, and which sell in the market at less than par. National banks should be allowed to take out circulation notes of a less denomination than \$10 and when such as are now outstanding reach the treasury, either for redemption or retirement, they should be cancelled in notes of the denomination of \$10 and upwards, and be replaced by certificates of denominations under \$10.

As a constant aim for the maintenance of a reasonable supply of gold in the treasury our duties to our country should be paid in gold, allowing all other dues to the government to be paid in any other form of money.

I believe all the provisions I have suggested should be embodied in our laws if we are to enjoy a complete re-instatement of a sound and sound condition.

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OPINIONS ON THE MESSAGE.

Silver Men Give Notice That They Will Fight Its Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Many of the Democratic leaders of the house declined to discuss the message until they had had time to consider its details. Mr. Strauss (Dem., N. Y.) said: "The moment a bill on the line of the president's recommendations has been passed not only will gold shipments cease, but the tide of gold will turn the other way. Unless congress acts promptly the president will have to sell another fifty million of bonds at a rate less favorable to the government, and this will have to be repeated at constantly diminishing periods and less favorable rates."

Senator Voorhees, Dem., Ind.: "I am alarmed on the subject of the finances at this time for the reason that I know, as well as any future event can be determined, by the experience of the past, that as soon as our present revenue laws go into full operation and working order the revenues of the government will be ample sufficient, and in fact more than sufficient, to meet all government expenses. I predict that this will occur within the next sixty days and that the set of bonds, as we will be for the redemption of the currency, but in reality to pay money to pay current expenses, will then cease."

Mr. Hatch (Dem., Mo.): "There is nothing novel or startling in this proposition, except that it goes farther than many of us ever expected to see a Democratic president do. It proposes to pay in gold alone obligations now payable in coin. That is substantially the same measure that the house declined to order the previous question on, but more objectionable to the survivor than the currency bill was."

Mr. Newell (Rep., N. Y.): "It is intended to place the government on a gold basis alone. The silver men will fight it."

Mr. Sperry (Dem., Conn.): "Mr. Cleveland has risen to the emergency. It will draw a distinct line between men who are for the gold and those who are for the silver standard, and force the fight on lines that will make it impossible longer to compromise the issue."

Mr. Bland (Dem., Mo.), the silver leader:

"A gold bond means a gold standard, and this is the first presidential proposition ever made that brings congress to the direct issue between the gold standard and bimetallism. The Chicago platform said silver should be treated as a standard money, equally with gold. The message and the bill utterly repudiate that principle. If the secretary of the treasury would

pay at his discretion silver to the people who are raiding the treasury, the gold reserve would be protected without the sale of a single bond. Right now the battle must be fought out."

Mr. Keyser (Dem., Md.): "There is nothing about silver and nothing about state banks in it and I strongly favor it. It is a shame and an outrage that nothing has been done before this to relieve the situation."

Mr. Bryan (Dem., Neb.): "That message and that bill make the most abject surrender to the gold conspiracy ever proposed. It is the Wall street idea in parliamentary language."

Mr. Warner (Dem., N. Y.): "Retire the greenbacks and treasury notes; make future bonds payable in gold only; recognize what is, the fact, that we are on a gold basis, and that silver is to be considered as subsidiary coinage only; confirm this by making future bonds payable in gold. If we do these things, or if we do the first of them, we shall have dug the grave of financial trouble."

Mr. Tracy (Dem., N. Y.): "I think the president's message is good and the bill presented a sensible solution of the problem. If the Republicans will lay aside partisanship and support it from patriotic motives it will pass."

Mr. Bailey (Dem., Tex.): "It is the cleanest cut proposition to place the country on a gold basis ever made, and I am utterly and absolutely opposed to it."

The Message Please the Bankers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Bankers and financial men in this city, apparently without exception, speak in terms of approval of the president's message. President J. Edward Simons, of the Fourth National bank, said: "The president now places the responsibility of maintaining the public credit upon congress. It rests with congress to say whether it will avert disaster or afford needed relief by wise and judicious legislation." Other bank officials express similar views.

### PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Rival Compulsory Education Bills Re-committed to Committee.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 29.—The house held a short session last evening at which seventeen bills were read for the first time and a large number of new measures introduced. Rival compulsory education bills, read for the first time on Friday, were recommitted to the committee on education. Mr. Mickell, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution that the bill providing that none but citizens of the United States shall be employed on any public building shall be readopted and that the legislature shall not be adjourned until the bill is passed.

Among the bills introduced were: Authorizing county commissioners to sell to actual settlers lands belonging to counties; fixing the salaries of judges of election at \$150 and clerks at \$8; establishing a department of agriculture, the chief of which shall be a member of the governor's cabinet; making general the act to prevent the adulteration and traffic in impure milk in cities of the first and second classes.

Among the bills introduced in the senate were: To place the Pennsylvania State college in control of the commonwealth; to protect fish in the spawning season; appropriating \$10,000 for the erection of memorial tablets to mark the position of Pennsylvania commands on the battlefield of Antietam; appropriating \$34,000 to erect monuments and tablets on the battlefield of Chickamauga and adjoining battlefields.

Grave Charges Against Bank Officials.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Peter A. Garvens made some sensational statements in court yesterday, relative to the affairs of the Harlem River bank, which failed in March, 1894, leaving many up-town storekeepers to mourn for unavailable deposits. He charged one of the directors with making off with a painting supposed to be worth \$10,000, upon which the bank had loaned money. He stated that one person had been accustomed to call at the Harlem River bank before it closed its door every Monday, for the purpose of collecting blackmail for not telling some story he knew about the affairs of the bank. He also said that \$10,000 had been loaned by the bank on paintings which were not worth much more than the cost incurred for storage. The lawyer also declared that they had loaned \$50,000 on worthless collateral.

NUGGETS OF NEWS.

The bill granting amnesty to political offenders passed the French chamber of deputies.

Official dispatches received in Washington announce a serious insurrection in the United States of Colombia.

François Caurobert, the last marshal of France, whose illness has been reported, died from an old wound received in battle.

Pugilist "Bob" Fitzsimmons, pleaded not guilty to manslaughter at Syracuse, N. Y., and was released on \$10,000 bail. The case will be tried in March.

Bond Forger Quigley at Sing Sing.

SING SING, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Deputy Sheriff Burke arrived at Sing Sing prison with Edwin O. Quigley, the bond forger who began his term of fifteen years and six months. For the present he will not be assigned to any special work. If Quigley receives the full sentence for good behavior he will leave the jail at the end of ten years and seven months.

Sailors Stricken with Measles.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 29.—Several of the crew of the flagship New York, lying in Hampton Roads, were brought to the Marine hospital with measles. It is feared that unless there is a decided improvement in the health of the crew quite a number of new men will have to be removed before she can proceed on her voyage to the West Indies.

Kentucky Lynchers Still Entitled.

RICHMOND, Ky., Jan. 29.—The supreme court of the United States granted the motion to advance the income tax cases on the docket, and set the argument for the first Monday in March. The suits are brought to test the constitutionality of the act.

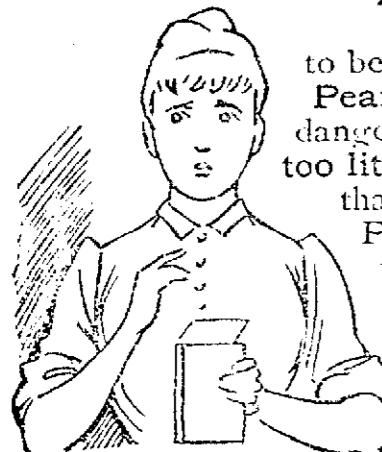
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### STRIKE LEADERS' BLUFF

Still Talk of Defeating Brooklyn Street Car Magnates.

### THE RIOTERS NOT YET SUB



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## OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—Local shows warmer Wednesday, notherly shifting to westerly winds.

## THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Proulx's drug-store, to-day:

7 a. m., 15°; 12 m., 20°; 3 p. m., 32°.

## AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Jan. 22—Masquerade ball, Phoenix Engine Co., at Assembly Rooms.  
—Jan. 23—Recitation and dance, at McQuaid Engine Co.  
—Jan. 24—Hum "So it is," at the Y. M. C. A.  
—Feb. 5—Masquerade ball at Middletown Turners, at Assembly Rooms.  
—Feb. 20—Ball of Middletown Lodge, I. O. O. F.  
—Feb. 21—Waukeen Engine Co., No. 6, will hold its fifth annual ball, at the Assembly Rooms.  
—Feb. 22—Twenty-second annual ball of McQuaid Engine Co., at Casino.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Foxterre, lo t.  
—House of six rooms to let.  
—Towelings, gingham, calico, and toweling at George Adams & Co.'s.  
—The Prudential Insurance Co. will move its office to the Haskins Building.  
—Auction sale of groceries, at No. 42 North street, this evening.  
—Flat, in Central Building, to let.  
—Palce's celery compound for sale by all druggists.

## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Phoenix Engine Co.'s masquerade this evening.  
—Regular weekly drill of the 24th Separate Company, to-night.  
—Fields & Hanson's "Drawing Cards," at the Casino, to-morrow night.  
—There is a great deal of sickness, principally grip, in this city just now, and doctors are very busy.

—Phoenix Engine Company will hold a masquerade ball at the Assembly Rooms, this evening.

—The "White Crook" Company left for Port Jervis on Erie train at 21, this morning.

—The Middletown Club will hold a reception at the club rooms, this evening.

—Powell, Smith & Co. have been putting new machinery in their cigar factory at Kingston and will give employment to 100 more girls.

—The Fields & Hanson troupe gave an excellent performance when here last year. At the Casino, to-morrow night.

—The Azots is indebted to Mr. W. W. Taylor, representing Dickson & Eddy, General Sales Agents for O. and W. coal, for a very neat and convenient desk calendar.

—The Breckin Manufacturing Company, of Newburgh, has put on 150 new bands in three months and is advertising for more help.

—Martin Slattery, a quarryman, was killed near Kingston, yesterday, by a rock falling on him. He leaves a widow and six children, the oldest only eleven years of age.

—Phoenix Engine Co.'s masquerade at the Assembly Rooms, to-night, will be the event of the season. The Phoenix boys always entertain their guests well. There should be a large attendance.

—Jacob J. Smith, aged sixty-five years, a prosperous and well known farmer of Allendale, N. J., hung himself in his barn, Saturday night. Grief at the death of his wife, which occurred two years ago, is supposed to have been the cause of the act.

—The omission of a word makes quite a difference. Mr. Morgan P. Bull goes to New York to accept a position with the United States Express Company and not with the United States Company, as the types made us say, yesterday.

—A very small audience witnessed the performance of the "White Crook" at the Casino, last evening, but those present were well satisfied with the entertainment. The marching and dancing by a company of well-drilled young women was excellent.

## PERSONAL.

—Mr. F. A. E. Proulx is confined to his home with an attack of grip.

—Miss Flora Norton has issued invitations for a ladies' whist party, Friday afternoon.

—Mr. Benjamin Cole, of Port Jervis, and Miss Hattie Dailey will be married at 6:30 o'clock, this evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tuthill left town, yesterday, for a trip to Florida. They expect to be absent about three weeks.

—Rev. Geo. W. Thompson and daughter, Emily, of Highland Falls, spent Monday at Mr. J. W. Hill's, on Prospect avenue.

—Mr. Gabriel Tuthill sustained a bad fall, last evening, while hurrying across D-pot street in an effort to catch Erie train 8. He was not, however, seriously injured.

—Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Abram Garrison, died at her home in Port Jervis, yesterday, of paralysis, in her 86th year. She is survived by her husband and eight children.

—Mr. Adolph Meyer, of Port Jervis, has sailed for Paris, to consult an eminent oculist, who recently performed an operation for cataract upon Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone. Mr. Meyer is suffering from the effects of suffusion of the optic nerve and local

physicians believe there is no hope for permanent relief.

—Mr. Henry M. Proudfoot, of Brooklyn, is in town on a short visit to friends.

—Mr. S. Hunter Bodine passed a comfortable night until about 4 o'clock, this morning, when he had a slight turn for the worse. He quickly rallied, however, and, this morning, was resting comfortable.

—Hon. Silas W. Berry, of Norwich, a brother of ex Supervisor D. W. Berry, of this city, is a candidate for State Dairy Commissioner and his candidacy is heartily supported by the Republicans of Chenango county.

## OBITUARY.

## Sanford Vail.

Mr. Sanford Vail, a well known and highly respected farmer living near Unionville, died Sunday of a vascular disease of the heart, in his seventy-fourth year.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, one of whom, Mrs. Seely, resides at Bushville and the other, Mrs. C. J. Daveyport, in Unionville.

Mr. Vail was for many years a member of the Orange Baptist Church at Unionville.

## John Johnson.

Mr. John Johnson died at Unionville, Friday, Jan. 25th, of general debility, in his seventy-fifth year. He is survived by his widow, two daughters and a son. The funeral was held, Monday, and the interment was in the Papakating, N. J., cemetery.

## William H. Wisner.

William H. Wisner, an old merchant of New York city, died at his home, No. 18 West Twelfth street, Sunday, in his eighty-ninth year. Mr. Wisner was born in New York, and was connected with the firm of William H. Wisner & Co. importers, at No. 45 Cotton Exchange, but latterly had retired from active business life. Mr. Wisner was a grandson of Henry Wisner, of this county, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and in early life lived at and was engaged in business in Goshen. He was a member of the Century Club, the National Academy of Design and the Sons of the Revolution and was a direct relative of many corporations. He leaves four sons and three daughters.

## Mrs. Sarah E. Post.

Mrs. Sarah E. Post, wife of Jabez Post, died of grip, at her home, near Goshen, at 3 o'clock, last evening, aged sixty-two years. The deceased leaves, besides her husband, two stepsons, Ira and Isaac Post, of Port Jervis. The funeral will take place from the house, Thursday, at 10 a. m. Interment in Millford.

## Mrs. Christina Currie Miller.

Mrs. Christina Currie Miller died at the home of her daughter in Newburgh, Sunday, aged ninety years. She was a native of Edinboro, Scotland, and at an early age she married James Miller, a mason. They came to this country in 1833 and settled for a time in New York, removing to Newburgh a few years later. Her husband died in 1851. She was the mother of ten children, of whom only three survive, John and Catherine Miller and Mrs. Peter B. McGregor, all of Newburgh.

## Money Order Binghamton and Broome County.

The funds of the city of Binghamton and of Broome county being locked up in the suspended Broome County National Bank, President Knapp, of the Binghamton Trust Company, has offered to advance such sums as may be needed to tide the city and county over their temporary embarrassment.

## A Sick Man's Three Mile Walk in His Night Clothes.

One night last week a man named George McVey, who was sick and delirious at the house of George Weller, at Walden, escaped during his sleep, clad only in his night clothes. He wandered some three miles to a place called Five Points, where he was taken care of by some friends, at whose house he still remains in a very precarious condition.

## One-Fifth of Newburgh's Population Sick.

(From the Newburgh Register.)

It is estimated that not far from 20 per cent. of the population of the city are either ill or recovering from attacks of cold, grip, or other diseases. In one drug store, last evening, the prescription clerk was unable to keep up with the demands made by customers for his services. Physicians start out at 8 a. m., and are kept busy until 10 p. m.

## Funeral of Mrs. Boyle.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Boyle took place at 10:30 o'clock, this morning, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a requiem mass being celebrated by Rev. Father Butler. The interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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—Do you travel? Are you a shipper? The "Rand-McNally Railway Guide and Handbook" contains all pertinent information. Ask your newsdealer.

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## THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY.

The Costly Mistakes of the Past Make Citizens Skeptical of the Claims for the New Scheme—A Subject for Careful and Intelligent Consideration.

Now that the Common Council has ordered a special election to vote upon the proposition to expend \$150,000 in securing an additional supply and a better quality of water, the taxpayers have begun to discuss the matter among themselves.

Many people jump at a conclusion too quickly and already many persons have pronounced emphatically against the proposition without giving the subject the consideration its importance deserves.

It is true that Middletown's experience in the expenditure of money for its water works has not been of the most satisfactory kind. We have money enough invested to have given us a greater supply of water than we have, if the money had been wisely and prudently expended, but the fault has been in the failure of those who planned our water system, to look far enough into the future.

When Monhagen reservoir was built it was considered ample for the needs of the village and it answered the purpose for a time. Then the Shawangunk Kill pumping station was built to furnish an additional supply. It cost the people many thousands of dollars to build, much more money was spent in litigation over water rights and the whole plant was finally abandoned altogether.

Then the new reservoir (Highland Lake), costing well on to one hundred thousand dollars, including the expense of defending Jehiel Vaughn's suit, was built and it gave us more water, but not as much as the rapid growth of the city demanded and therefore the pumping station on the Ogden tract, and still the supply of water is not deemed sufficient for our city's needs to say nothing of the future.

Fortunately for the past few months there has been no scarcity of water and the reservoirs are now full, but this condition will not always exist.

The mistake was made in the beginning, when the authorities failed to go far enough from the city to obtain an unlimited supply of water, of better quality than we now obtain from surface drainage alone, instead of beginning on an economical scale, and piecing out at intervals until more than enough money has been spent in the egg stage to have given us the system now proposed by the Water Commissioners and the expert engineers.

Before deciding how to vote upon the proposition, the subject should be studied carefully and intelligently. There is no disputing the fact that Middletown's water supply is inadequate even for our present needs. We are not in a position to invite the establishment of factories with our limited supply of water, at the prices it is necessary to charge for it, and until we are, our city will not make the rapid growth it would if we could furnish to factories all the water they required at more reasonable rates.

If the people can be assured that the plan proposed will furnish all the water we will have need for, taking into consideration the future growth of the city, for anything like the sum estimated, it would be well to end the question of a water supply at once and stop piecing out our system by the expenditure of a few thousands at a time to merely help us out for the time being when a water famine threatens us.

These are the important features of the proposition upon which the people are asked to vote and they should be weighed carefully before rendering a final decision.

## PRESENTATION TO DEWITT CAMP.

A Handsome Ballot Box from Hugh C. Irish of Paterson.

At a meeting of Gen. DeWitt Camp, S. of V., last evening, Capt. Kingsland of Hugh C. Irish Camp, of Paterson, and Capt. Gardner, of Centreville, were present.

Capt. Kingsland presented to the camp a handsome ballot box made of black walnut, on the top of which were inlaid the figures 37 in a red diamond and 37 in a red maltese cross. On one side of the box is the following in gilt letters.

HUGH C. IRISH,  
CAMP NO. 8,  
TO  
DEWITT CAMP, NO. 37.

On the reverse side is the following:

PRESENTED TO  
GEN. D. P. DEWITT CAMP,  
NO. 37, DIV. N. Y.  
BY  
HUGH C. IRISH, CAMP NO.  
8, DIV. N. J.

FOR COMING THE LONGEST DISTANCE  
TO TAKE PART IN FIELD DAY,  
SEPT 3RD, 1854, PATerson, N. J.

The box was accepted on behalf of DeWitt Camp by Capt. Merrill. A speech was also made by Capt. Gardner. The ballot box is now on exhibition in Kernochan's window.

## A Mechanic's Linen Case.

The suit of Wesley B. Mills vs. Daniel E. O'Neil, to foreclose a mechanic's lien for \$131 for work done on the Circleville creamery, was tried before Judge Brown at Special Term in Newburgh, Saturday. Judgment was rendered for the full amount claimed with \$103 costs. J. C. R. Taylor, Esq., for plaintiff; T. N. Little, Esq., for defendant.

DO you want to be happy and prosperous this year? Then

DISCOUNT we offer you during this month, and

ON'T be a ready-made man.

Highest of all in Leavening Power—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

**Royal Baking Powder**  
ABSOLUTELY PURE

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## AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

## INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Epworth League sociable—A very large cow—Returned to Goshen—A Baker's Dozen of Tramps—Retiring from Business—Funeral of William H. W.

From Our Regular Correspondent

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will hold a sociable at Jesus Holbert's residence, Thursday evening, Jan. 31st. Arrangements have been made with the Traction Company to run cars enough to carry all who want to go to and from the house. It is stormy that evening, the sociable will be held the next fair evening.

Butcher John Rutan bought a cow, yesterday, of Moses Hawkins, which tipped the beam at 1,710 pounds. This is the heaviest weight for a native beef that has been known in Goshen for some years.

Jas. Dougherty has moved his family back from Elizabethport, N. J., to Goshen.

Thirteen tramps were cared for at police headquarters, last night. They made good representation of Coxey's army on being let out, this morning.

Geo. O. Hulse is about to retire from business. He offers his stock for sale at a reasonable figure.

The remains of the late Wm. H. Wiener, of New York, who died, Sunday, aged eighty-nine years, will be brought here for interment, to-morrow. Funeral services will be held at St. James's Church and the interment will be in Episcopal Cemetery. The deceased was a brother of Geo. S. Wiener, of this village.

## The Orange Lake Electric Road Blockaded.

Newburgh's electric road depends upon a sweeper to keep its tracks clear of snow, but by the time the city lines were open, Saturday, and the sweeper began work on the Orange Lake line, the snow had become so packed and frozen that the sweeper made no impression upon it, and it was necessary to set men at work with picks and shovels digging out the ice from the rails. Men worked all Saturday night and Sunday, and again yesterday, and it was expected to resume the running of cars to-day.

## An Entertainment at Mechanictown.

A benefit entertainment will be given, to-morrow night, in the school house at Mechanictown, under the supervision of the singing school. There will be lots of fun and music and the entertainment will be first class. Those from Middletown who go down, to-morrow night, may take the trolley line to Mechanictown platform and it is about five minutes walk from there to the school house.

## Granted an Electric Railway Franchise.

The franchise for building an electric rail road from Nyack to West Nyack has been granted to the company in which Congressmar-elect Odell and other Newburghers are interested. An arrangement was made with the local company by which it gave up its efforts to secure a franchise and turned over the contents of property owners along the line to the outside company.

## Printers to Bow.





## A NARROWSBURCH MERCHANT DEFENDS CAMP.

## THE TROLLEY LINE TO GOSHEN.

*A Good Thing for Goshen and for Middletown Methodists.**From the Goshen News*

Joe Gottlieb Leaves Creditors in the Lurch and Deserts Wife and Child.

Joe Gottlieb, who kept a store in Narrowsburgh, has disappeared. He failed to appear at his store one day last week and could not be found at his accustomed haunts. As he did not appear the next day and no tidings could be obtained concerning him the store was opened.

It was found that the greater part of his stock had been taken away, probably converted into cash. The remainder of the stock was seized under a chattel mortgage held by a Port Jervis man, but a New York firm claims the goods and legal complications are likely to follow.

Gottlieb left a wife and one child in Port Jervis without means of support. It is supposed Gottlieb returned to Russia.

## THE DRAWING CARDS.

## A First-class Vaudeville Company at the Casino, To-morrow Evening.

A first-class vaudeville entertainment will be given by Fields & Hanson's Drawing Cards, at the Casino, to-morrow night. The company is under the proprietorship of John F. Fields, and he and his stage partner, Mr. Hanson, form one of the most amusing specialties on the programme, in their funny musical act. Those representatives of Irish comedy, Edgar & Curran, are a whole show in themselves, and their musical dialect is always a big hit. Others on the bill whose names are guarantee of a good performance are: Maude Beverly, empress of all soprano vocalists; the Kappa Bros., the eccentric eccentrics; Charley Case, the commander-in-chief of monologuists; Lowrey & Hanley, sketch team; Geo. Ausl d, who is the only artist on the slack wire who is really worth seeing.

## COASTING ACCIDENT IN POUGHKEEPSIE.

## Four Men Injured—Two of Them May Not Recover.

A bob sled, on which six men were coasting, ran into a horse on Union street hill, Poughkeepsie, last night. The horse's legs were knocked from under it and the heavy animal fell on the coasters. John Cambell, who was coasting for the first time in forty years, and William Allen, who was steering, were probably fatally injured, and Charles Frieze and August Appelman, had their legs broken. Before the horse could be got out of the roadway, another bob dashed into it, but the coasters escaped serious injury.

## Black Snow at the Sullivan County Club House.

Samples of "black snow," which fell in the neighborhood of the Sullivan County Club House, near Wurtemburg, at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Jan. 16th, were sent to the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The curator of the Department of Entomology, Prof. Beutenmueller, who found that the color of the snow was due to a minute insect of the same family as the insects which sometimes give a reddish tint to snow in extreme northern latitudes.

Closing Out Osburn & Brown's Grocery Stock.

The auction sale of groceries, the stock of Osburn & Brown, which was continued, yesterday afternoon and evening, was well attended and the prices paid for goods were high for sales of this kind. A large block of the stock was sold to different grocers at private sale, at prices in advance of what similar goods brought under the hammer.

The Supervisors' Pamphlet.

We have received from the Newburgh *Daily News* a copy of the Supervisors' pamphlet. The book, which was printed by the *News* job department, contains 264 pages, 16 pages more than last year, but was ready at an earlier date than ever before known in the county. The book is very neatly printed on good paper and taken as a whole is a very creditable piece of work.

Graduate substantially shown.

Messrs. Frank & Foster, yesterday, presented a five dollar bill to Mr. Alonso Wilson, the young man who discovered the burglars in their store and gave the alarm which led to their capture, on Saturday fast.

BETTER TIMES IN NEWBURGH.

The West Newburgh factories are in a great deal better shape than last winter. Cawshaw's carpet factory is running five days a week, and the others are making full time.—*Telegram*.

A Sleigh Ride Party.

Mrs. A. S. Douglas has invited a party of ladies to go with her on a sleigh ride, to-morrow, to Mrs. A. C. Ireland's, at Crystal Run.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia; radiculitis in one to three days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause, and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly relieves. Seventy-five cents. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist, Middletown.

HEADACHE cured in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' M'AIN PILLS. One cent doz. At druggists.

## MANY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE.

*An Otsego County Couple Who Have Lived Together Nearly Seventy-two Years.**From the Hainesport Local.*

Who was it among the bitter opponents of the trolley in Goshen, who over and over again proclaimed that the road would be ruinous to Goshen? Was it not a life-long prominent Methodist? What now has he to say? Is the trolley such a curse to Goshen after all? Was there ever before the introduction of the trolley such a thing known to happen as the coming of a delegation from Middletown to attend Methodist service in Goshen on an ordinary Sunday evening? Give the trolley its due? Is it not a good thing for Goshen?

## A VERY LIVELY TEN DAYS.

## The Many Experiences "Old Jed Prouty" Crowded Into a Week and a Half.

Richard Golden, better known here as "Old Jed Prouty," has had a remarkable experience in ten days. He first went on a protracted spree, then left the company to the tender mercies of an understudy, married his leading lady, rejoined the troupe fully determined as he said to reform, and then as a diversion punched the head of an actor named Schillinger, whom he said had been lying about him.

## DECKERTOWN.

## To Start Another Store—Revival Meetings—Masonic Grand Lodge—Death of Virgil VanAuken—Many Personal and Local Notes.

## Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

Morris Davis, the clother, will start a branch store at Monticello, April 1st. It will be in charge of J. J. Burns, of this town.

Eddie Treanor is recovering from an attack of diphtheria.

Mr. Ellsworth, of Iowa, spent a few days at C. A. Wilson's, last week.

Miss Minnie Willson is visiting friends at Ed Bank, N. J.

E. H. Chamberlain will erect a residence in Burns Park, next summer.

John Falkner has resigned his position with Barkman & Mabie. He will be succeeded by a Mr. Snock, of Lafayette.

Revival meetings are being held at the M. E. Church, by Rev. S. D. Decker.

Miss Evelyn Millen, of Mount Retirement, is suffering with a severe attack of grip.

J. J. Coons, J. B. Fuller and Frank Ewald, represented F. and A. M. Lodge, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Trenton, last week.

The next musicals will be held at the home of Mrs. F. F. Coykendall, Jan. 30th, by her niece, Mrs. F. V. R. McCoy.

Miss Lizzie Green, and a Mr. Schoonover, of Newark, were married at that place, Jan. 28th.

The Wantage House has been rented by Harry Brooks, of Worton-dyke.

Virgil VanAuken, of the Clove, died Sunday, Jan. 20, aged 67 years. He is survived by a wife and one daughter, Hattie, widow of the late George Cassidy. The funeral was held at his late residence, Wednesday. Interment was in the Clove Cemetery.

R. Bert Stoddard, of Dushore, Pa., spent last week visiting friends and relatives in Deckertown and vicinity.

Many of this place have received letters from E. J. Brown, the "chain" letter writer of Kanesville, Ill.

Teachers' examination will be held in the Public Building, at Newtown, Feb. 1st and 2nd.

## Repaid After Twenty-two Years.

William B. Excell, of Norwich, received, Saturday, from Rev. M. T. Wheeler, a Methodist minister of Elmira, a check for twenty dollars in payment of a loan of that amount made twenty-two years ago when Mr. Wheeler was studying for the ministry. Mr. Excell had forgotten the circumstance and for a time was at a loss to know why the money had been sent. It may be noted that Mr. Wheeler said nothing about interest on the loan for the many years it was outstanding.

## Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Middletown post office for the week ending Jan. 28th:

## LADIES.

Bon'v, Mrs. Minnie E. Histro, Miss Lenah E. Gribby, Mrs. Clarity Miller, Mrs. Lavie E. Fuller Son.

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Should be used in attempting to cure that very disagreeable disease, catarrh. As catarrh originates in impurities in the blood, local applications can do no permanent good. The common sense method of treatment is to purify the blood, and for this purpose there is no preparation superior to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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*An Otsego County Couple Who Have Lived Together Nearly Seventy-two Years.**From the Hainesport Local.*

Mr. and Mrs. Oisin Botwick, of Maryland, Otsego county, aged respectively eighty-nine and ninety years, and whose seventy-second marriage anniversary will occur in March of this year, are both active people, and until within the past month have lived alone, Mr. Botwick attending to her own house-keeping affairs, and Mr. Botwick pursuing his trade of carpenter, having erected one quite large barn the past summer. They have lived in Maryland since they were two years of age, have had eleven children, six of whom are living, the oldest seventy years old; they have twenty-three living grandchildren and thirty-four living great grandchildren, many of whom are married and have families. They have in all sixty-three immediate descendants, who are living. Mrs. Botwick says she expects to live to be 100 years old, and Mr. Botwick is sure he will vote for another Democratic President.

## WURTSBORO.

## Twenty-nine Inches of Snow—Death of Henry Degraw—Methodist Meetings Indefinitely Postponed—Buying Old Fashioned Sleigh Bells.

## Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

Twenty-nine inches of snow have fallen so far this winter according to record kept by H. M. R. K. Telwilliger.

George Helm is around again, after a two months' illness.

Henry Degraw died, Monday, 21st, on the Barrens, aged seventy-two years. The burial was at Cuddebackville, on Wednesday last.

Meetings will continue in the M. E. Church this week and probably next week.

"Finegan's Fortune," the drama announced before, is indefinitely postponed, too many other things occupying the attention of some of the members of the company.

It is reported that a party from Port Jervis is soon to take possession of the Hinchliffe hotel property.

The Elite Theatre Company, of New York, concluded a very satisfactory week's performance here, on Saturday evening. The band serenaded them on their closing night. They are deserving of a crowded house every time.

Wonder if we are to get that new iron bridge over the canal on Sullivan street this winter?

A. E. McCune has been scouring this region for old fashioned sleigh bells. He has been quite successful but wants more.

## UNIONVILLE.

## Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

On Friday evening next, Feb. 1st, a miscellaneous entertainment will be given in the M. E. Church. Mr. Cosner, the popular singer, of Deckertown, is expected to sing several selections. Another interesting feature of the programme will be a selection by a male quartette. The entertainment will commence at 7:30 o'clock. Admission fifteen cents.

## WESTTOWN.

## Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

Next Sunday, special evangelistic services will begin in the M. E. Church. The pastor will be assisted by the Rev. Mr. VanHousen, who has met with unusual success in this line of work.

## Revival at the North End.

The meeting, last night, in the North Street Church, under the charge of the pastor, assisted by Rev. Mr. King, was of unusual interest.

Mr. King said "you need your eyes opened to see where you are."

Three persons expressed a desire to lead a Christian life, making over twenty who have professed conversion. Mr. King will speak again tonight.

## A Sleigh Ride to Bloomingburgh.

The following gentlemen and their wives enjoyed a sleigh ride to Bloomingburgh, last night, and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. John F. Bennett: Messrs. W. F. Royce, G. T. Townsend, Chas. J. G. Purdy, Geo. A. Swalm, Jr., L. C. Purdy, R. H. Houston, F. O. Rockefellow and J. W. Orans. A first-class supper was served.

## One Good Effect of No License.

(From the Newburgh Register)

The Cornwall Savings Bank has received the past year \$5,000 more in small deposits than the year previous. This, the Prohibitionists claim, is the direct result of Cornwall being a no-license town.

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## ONE CENT A WORD.

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

T LET—House of six rooms, at 14 Smith St. Enquire on the premises.

LOST—Fox Terrier, black marks on lead. Suitable reward. 23 Hauord street.

REMEMBER Auction groceries, to-night, 7 o'clock, 42 North street. HENRY W. WIGGINS, receiver Osburn &amp; Brown.

TO LET—An elegant flat, in Central Building, newly papered and renovated, from 1st to 4th.

HOTEL Property for sale at Wurtsboro, Sullivan county. Enquire at Hinchliffe's Brewery, Paterson, N. J.

TO LET—Handsome front office, heated with steam, in STERN'S Building.

WANTED at Once—A competent girl for general housework. Apply at this office.

LARGE Diamond Ring for sale, worth \$150. Non-Wedding. Apply or address W. this office.

ON Receipt of postal card, CRAIG will send you your shoe repairing and deliver same day, if required. We make rubber patching a specialty. NO. 22 WEST MAIN STREET.

THE Home-stand Building and Loan Association will earn money on favorable terms at any time during the present month. Apply to any of the officers.

J. LEONARD, Secretary.

BARGAIN—For sale, house and lot on East avenue, Lot 55x150. For further particulars enquire at No. 53 East avenue.